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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6690

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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USS SANCTUARY

UNCLAS PORT AU PRINCE 1141

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SUBJECT: GOODWILL VISIT OF USS SANCTUARY

REF: P-AU-P 1127

1. DISCUSSED SURVEY TEAM WITH SECSTATE FOR HEALTH AND POPULATION DR. ALIX THEARD WHO HAS AGREED TO MEET INITIALLY WITH TEAM JULY 17. EMBASSY PLANS ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH HIM AND AT LEAST ONE DINNER WITH HIM AND HIS DESIGNATED STAFF MEMBERS DURING TEAM'S VISIT.

2. IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT WOULD APPRECIATE TEAM'S REACTION TO DR. THEARD'S VIEWS WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. VISIT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE TO PORT-AU-PRINCE
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WHERE SOME 300 OF HAITI'S 340 PHYSICIANS ARE CONCENTRATED

BUT TO A PROVINCIAL PORT SUCH AS JACMEL OR JEREMIE WHERE
NEED FOR SANCTUARY TYPE FACILITIES IS GREATER.

B. ONE USEFUL CIVIC ACTION PROJECT WOULD BE TO
PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, IF POSSIBLE, IN SETTING UP A HAITIAN
LABORATORY FOR THE PREPARATION OF PHYSIOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS
(SALINE SOLUTIONS, GLUCOSE). KEY ELEMENT OF THIS PROJECT
WOULD APPEAR TO BE DEVISING SYSTEM FOR PREPARATION OF
DISTILLED WATER.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS JACMEL AS PREFERABLE SITE BECAUSE:

A. IT IS CENTER FOR AREA OF 300,000 TO 400,000
PEOPLE SERVED BY ONLY ONE HOSPITAL STAFFED BY ONLY THREE
OR FOUR DOCTORS (TWO OF THEM INTERNS).

B. IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ADEQUATE HARBOR FOR SANCTUARY.

C. IT IS WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF PORT-AU-PRINCE BY AIR
(FOUR HOURS BY ROAD).

4. IF TEAM WILLING DISCUSS OPERATIONS ALONG GENERAL LINES
SUGGESTED BY DR. THEARD, EMBASSY WILL ASK HIM TO PREPARE
MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BEFORE TEAM'S ARRIVAL.
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